

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-20, 22-27, 29-45 and 47-60 are pending in the present application. This supplemental amendment is being provided to amend independent Claims 1 and 29 in a way which is intended to place the application into condition for allowance, pursuant to an interview of the Examiner conducted on June 29, 2004 by Applicant and Applicant's counsel. Dependent Claim 21 has been canceled, since its limitations are now present in amended Claim 1. Independent Claim 28 has been canceled, while Claims 48, 50, 51 and 52 have been converted from independent to dependent form. New dependent Claims 54-58 have been added which are believed to be directed to more detailed patentable features. Previously canceled claims 3 and 46 have been reinstated as claims 59 and 60, respectively.

With respect to amended claims 1 and 29, Applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the paragraph beginning at line 10, on page 9 of the specification. It is noted that this paragraph explains warming of the interior of the product from a frozen state, as follows:

Reheating is generally accomplished in one toaster cycle from the fully frozen state, once the appropriate toaster setting is established. Remarkably, the reheated sandwich exhibits no significant burning, yet the cheese filling warms and even melts (even a generous portion weighing 30 grams or more) to an extent that provides for eating characteristics that are associated with a freshly made grilled cheese sandwich. During comparative testing, an equivalent sandwich was reheated without the application of the coating mixture of the present invention and in the same toasting environment. The major surfaces of the "untreated" sandwich experienced burning to an extent which rendered the sandwich inedible, yet at least a portion of the cheese filling remained cold or frozen at its center.

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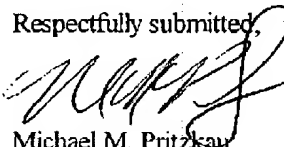
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For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Hence, allowance of these claims and passage to issue of the application are solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Steve Shear at 303-661-0901.

Respectfully submitted,



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